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The Copie of the Letter

sent from Generall *Lesley* to the Lord  
Generall the Earle of *Holland*, and read  
in the House of Commons the 7<sup>th</sup> of *July*  
1641.

My Lord,



Give your Lordship hearty thanks, that you have been pleased to acquaint me with your arrivall at *York*, I had some notice given me before by our Commissioners of his Majesties Command, and the desire of the Parliament for that happy and peaceable service your Lordship is now about. I am glad that I am at *Dorrington* by accident, in that place where I may give the more speed and encouragement which your Lordship desireth and expects from me. This shall be done with all possible diligence; for as at the first the reason of sending any Troopes towards the *Tees*, was for the enlargement of their Quarter, and the great ease of the rest of the Bishoprick, so now the retiring shall be to take away all lealousie from the Army of our abode in this part of the Country; For although the streightning of our Quarter will be both prejudiciall to the Country and us, yet God forbid it should be made a pretext to make the least stay to the good work your Lordship hath in hand.

And the further we remove from other, in this end we are the neerer to be joyned in all hearty affection for the service of the King.

Wherefore so sure grounds of hope are now layd, that all his Majesties three Kingdomes Enemies will have as much cause to feare the ill effects of our Union, as they had matter of rejoycing at the too great appearance of the long lasting discord betweene us.

And it may be so in all Ages to come, which is the hearty wish and prayer of,

Your Lordships most humble servant,

DORRINGTON

2<sup>d</sup> July 1641.

H. LESLEY.